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Operations Division Regulatory Branch (West) ID No. LRL-2013-635-GJD

United States Environmental Protection Agency Ms. Tinka Hyde, Director Water Division Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Dear Ms. Hyde:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your May 18, 2016 letter in response to Public Notice # LRL-2013-635-gjd, which outlines a proposal by United Minerals, to relocate streams, open waters and wetlands to facilitate a surface coal mining operation located at the proposed Seven Hills Mine, in Pigeon Creek, unnamed tributaries and associated wetlands of Pigeon Creek, northwest of Boonville, Warrick County, Indiana.

Your letter and others have been made a part of the official record on this application. All comments received from concerned citizens, interested parties, State agencies, and other Federal agencies are being reviewed thoroughly. Concerns expressed by the general public are being identified and shall be being fully considered in our evaluation process for the permit request.

Requests for a Public Hearing is under consideration. Once it has been determined if a Public Hearing shall be held or not you will be notified by this office.

We would like to thank you for taking the time to give us the benefit of your comments in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact by writing to the above listed letterhead address or by calling me at (812) 842-2807.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED

George DeLancey Project Manager Regulatory Branch COPY

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